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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

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For: PROLIFERATION OF HEPATOCYTE PRECURSORS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Response to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2000 in the above-cited application.

A Petition for 2-month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal along with the requisite fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24, 26, 28, 37, and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

Substantive
21. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a subject in need thereof comprising administering a genetically engineered autologous hepatocyte precursor, progeny thereof, or both, to the subject and treating liver dysfunction.

22. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a human subject in need thereof comprising administering a genetically engineered human hepatocyte precursor, progeny thereof, or both, to the human subject and treating liver dysfunction.